



NEWS RELEASE

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City of Las Vegas October 2006 **ADAPTIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

(All activities are subject to change. List is not all-inclusive. Call centers near you for complete list of classes and activities. Most activities require advance registration.)

2nd Annual Helter Skelter Quad Rugby Division II Tournament (adults)

Friday through Sunday, October 6-8, 4 p.m. Friday; 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Fee: \$300 includes team registration, 8 tournament shirts, case of water, and barbecue lunch

Saturday and Sunday. Developmental teams welcome.

Veterans Memorial Leisure Services Center, 101 N. Pavilion Center Drive, (702) 229-4903.

S.P.A.R.K. – Social Play and Respite for Kids (ages 3-7)

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning October 14.

Lorenzi Adaptive Recreation Center, 3333 W. Washington Avenue, (702) 229-4904.

This respite program for children with special needs provides a fun and safe environment for arts and crafts, games and outdoor play. No charge to participants. Call for information.

Division III Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (adults)

Saturday and Sunday, October 21-22, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register before October 13.

Fee: \$250 per team; free for spectators.

Chuck Minker Sports Complex, 275 N. Mojave Road, (702) 229-6563.

Spectators welcome. Limited to 8 teams. Call (702) 229-4796 for information and registration form.

Disability Awareness Day (all ages)

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, W. Washington Avenue at Twin Lakes Drive.

Meet representatives from more than 60 organizations serving individuals with disabilities. Learn about independent living, Americans with Disabilities Act, recreation, employment, housing, legal services, transportation and specialized adaptive equipment. Participants will enjoy live entertainment, speakers and free hourly raffles for valuable door prizes. Elected officials and candidates have been invited to meet constituents. All activities are free. Refreshments will be available for sale. The event is sponsored by the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living and the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services Adaptive Recreation Division. For more information, call (702) 229-4796 or 889-4216.

Wheelchair Basketball (ages 16+)

Tuesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

John C. Fremont Middle School Gymnasium, 1100 E. St. Louis Avenue, (702) 229-4903.

Sports wheelchairs and basketballs provided. No charge to participants. Bring water. Call for information.

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BlazeSports Las Vegas (ages 7-adult)

Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

Fee: Free

Charleston Heights Community School, 6438 Celeste, (702) 878-8644.

This sports program for children and adults with disabilities offers sports training and competitions. Focus is on wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair football, quad rugby, golf, swimming and track and field. The focus sports are rotated in five-week cycles. All equipment needed to participate is provided, including the all-court sport wheelchairs. Appropriate for novices and elite athletes alike. Call (702) 229-4903 for details.

Free Goalball Practice (visually impaired ages 7+)

Second Friday of each Month, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

John C. Fremont Middle School Gymnasium, 1100 E. St. Louis Avenue.

Beginner and intermediate goalball players practice the second Friday of each month. Bring knee pads, goggles and water to drink. The remaining equipment will be provided. Reservations are required at least 2 days in advance. Call (702) 229-4796 for information and reservations.

Tandem Bike Rides (visually impaired ages 7+)

Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., depending on outdoor temperature.

W. Wayne Bunker Park, Tenaya Way at Alexander Road.

Fee: \$5.

Reservations required at least 2 days in advance. Call (702) 229-4796 for information and reservations. Program will continue each Friday, depending on weather.

Coed Power Wheelchair Soccer (ages 7+)

Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

John C. Fremont Middle School Gymnasium, 1100 E. St. Louis Avenue, (702) 229-4796.

Participants must use electric wheelchairs with foot pegs (no scooters). The remaining equipment will be provided. No charge to participants. Volunteer assistants needed. Call for information.

Wheelchair Rugby/Quad Rugby (adults)

Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m.

Fee: Call for information.

John C. Fremont Middle School Gymnasium, 1100 E. St. Louis Avenue, (702) 229-4903.

The U.S. Quad Rugby Association Division II Sin City Skulls quad rugby team is looking for athletes. Open practices are held on Thursdays. Call for information.

R.E.A.L. Sports (age 18+)

Sports, recreation, education and athletics for a lifetime program are designed for developmentally disabled adults. Contact Jonathon Foster at (702) 229-4796 for information.

F.L.O.A.T.

Forming Leisure Opportunities using Aquatic Techniques is an adaptive aquatics program for people with and without disabilities. Call for dates, times and registration (702) 229-4796.

Basic Paddling Skills (ages 7+)

Fee: \$10 per lesson.

Lorenzi Park, West Washington Avenue at Twin Lakes Drive.

People of all ages and abilities learn how to paddle in a kayak or canoe. Lake Mead canoeing and kayaking clinics for groups of 20 or more may be arranged, priced at \$5 per person. Two week's notice is required to schedule an outing. Call (702) 229-4796 for details.

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One-on-One Swim Lessons (ages 5+)

Fee: \$100 for six 30-minute lessons.

Private instruction is designed to meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities. Lessons at Pavilion Center Pool during summer and at Municipal Pool other months. Call (702) 229-4796.

G.O.L.F. – Golf Offers Lifetime Fun (ages 7-adult)

Individuals of all abilities can sign up for golf lessons, golf leagues and tournaments. For information, call Robert Murray at (702) 229-4903 or e-mail to rmurray@lasvegasnevada.gov.

New A.G.E. Program (age 22+)

Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. (except holidays).

Fee: \$35 for 5 days; \$28 for 4 days; \$21 for 1 to 3 days; \$10 additional monthly for special events.

Lorenzi Adaptive Recreation Center, 3333 West Washington Avenue, (702) 229-5177.

An “after-work” recreation program for adults with developmental disabilities that offers varied activities and special events that promote individuality, self-esteem and independence. Call for information.

Outreach

For information on the following recreation opportunities and programs, please call (702) 229-4900.

Assistive Technology/Equipment Loan Program – adaptive equipment to rent.

Disability Awareness/Sensitivity Training – for your organization.

Informational and Educational Presentations – for your organization or agency.

Goalball Practices - Call (702) 229-4796 for information and reservations.

Lifetime Sports – Archery and disc golf lessons and Junior Olympic Development Program. Call (702) 229-1531.

Power Soccer – for power wheelchair users ages 5 to adult. Call for practice information.

Rock Climbing – Call 229-4900 for dates and information.

Tandem Bike Rides – Held on Friday afternoons. Call for dates and information.

Wheelchair Sports – includes basketball, fitness, football, softball and over-the-line. Call 229-4903 or 229-4796 for information.

Leisure Connection

Leisure Connection is a social group for high-functioning adults with developmental disabilities. The program provides recreational activities that promote socialization and independence in the community. Activities include bowling, movies, lunch and dinner outings, sports events and leisure education classes. Activity schedules are mailed out monthly to each participant. Reservations must be made in advance for each event. For more information, or to be placed on the activity schedule mailing list, call (702) 229-5177.

Lakeside Disabled Sports U.S.A.

Lakeside, a chapter of Disabled Sports U.S.A., provides recreational programs and sporting activities for individuals with disabilities and their friends. Call (702) 229-4900 for information and locations.

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